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Sir:

The undersigned Attorney of Record, in behalf of the applicant and assignee, hereby disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 USC §§154 to 156, and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior Patent No. 6,372,389, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the instant application and to be binding upon the assignee, its successor or assigns.

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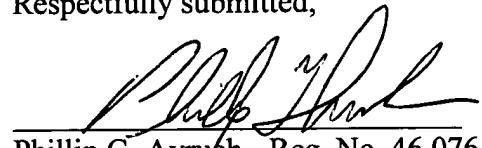
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